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# BLUES NEWS

*The official newspaper of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club*



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WYCOMBE WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB  
IN THE COMMUNITY

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# Wycombe's plea before crucial decision Stand by the Wanderers

**B**y the middle of next week we will know whether Wycombe District Council planning committee supports or opposes Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, as next Wednesday the proposed new South Stand development will be either given the go ahead, rejected or put off yet again.

Considering that the vast majority of people in Wycombe district want a football club they can be proud of, hopefully progressing through Division 1 to the Premier League eventually, unfortunately there are still a minority that simply would rather WWCFC did not exist. I personally think it is because a decision is required which is black and white - do we or do we not support having the best possible football facility for the community in and around High Wycombe.

To oppose the new South Stand development is to oppose Wycombe Wanderers Football Club. The people that annoy me most are those who constantly oppose the development of the club in planning and council meetings then have the audacity to say in public that they support the club. Such people must have extremely sore bottoms from sitting on the fence for so long.

I work with many of WDC council's officers on a regular basis and have always found them fair and supportive, wherever they could be. In fact this season WDC, through the officers, is again sponsoring the Family Stand and the Community Leisure Room at Adams Park. We have also had the support of WDC Leisure Services and Pro-Leisure with our Junior Blues Event Day being held again at Handycross during Easter 1995. We have also entered into the new freestyle membership scheme, giving special groups a £2.50 discount off terrace prices for League matches, helping the unemployed, the disabled, single parents, students and over sixties. If only the new official council members that have opposed us in the past follow the example set by the officers and actually represent the views of the majority of those that elected them, rather than fear an



by Mark Austin  
of Wycombe Wanderers

active vociferous minority.

I stress these are my personal views and that my comments are borne out of frustration to provide a community with a facility and football club to be proud of, especially as Wycombe Wanderers Football Club is a company limited by guarantee with ALL PROFITS going back into improving the team and the facilities for both Blues supporters and all the community who use the Conference facilities on non-matchdays.

The most telling argument for the New Stand is that Wycombe Wanderers already have permission to have 9,649 at every single match. Last season's average league attendance at Adams Park was 5,856 and our planning application will not increase the capacity beyond the 10,000 capacity which we already have planning permission for. This 10,000 capacity, granted back in the late eighties, meant the club was given permission to build a stadium up to 10,000 facility

with the current roads and parking. Remember the vast majority of club unlike us, do not have planning permission for 531 spaces next door to the stadium. Our current safety certificate is 9,649 at every match (if only), which was only approached once last year during the third round of the FA Cup when we played West Ham, when 9,007 car. The traffic and parking was comfortable with, thanks to extra parking kindly provided by our Club Sponsors Verco Office Furniture Ltd, Sear Edward Dashwood, Sands Midc School and Sands First School in La End Road. In fact there was an unused parking capacity at several sites.

There will therefore be no increase in traffic, parking or noise levels beyond what the club already has permission for. The New South Stand development is not therefore to be turned down on planning grounds, as we already have planning permission for a stadium of 10,000 Adams Park. I know I have laboured it point, but I wanted to prove that if anybody opposes the development of the New South Stand they are doing so purely because they oppose Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, wish to stifle its growth and possibly even its existence.

I fully support the view of Dr Steph Billingham, the Chairman of the San Residents Association, who thinks the club should move to a site near the motorway. I would love us to be given £16m (Huddersfield Town) to move there. However he is fully aware, being on Wycombe District Council's planning committee, that they have re-designated Adams Park as Green Belt, preventing the club selling Adams Park for any other use other than football. WDC has always opposed any other use for Adams Park Stadium other than football, rejecting requests for a community Christmas Carol Concert and for a Community P Concert. The Football League now insists that clubs must play within their combination. I can not see Flackwell Heath or Holmer Green FC being able to purchase Adams Park for around £5m and WDC or the Football Trust coming up with the remaining £11m to build new stadium suitable for Division 1 with a potential for Premier League football.

I can understand the concerns of the Sands Residents Association, which does not want people parking outside their - nor does Wycombe Wanderers Football Club. We have done a lot, with help from sponsors, Bucks Council and the local community to reduce traffic and parking problems. We will agree to co-operating to try a scheme in conjunction with WDC during this season.

Unless we increase seating capacity 10,000, eventually we will never even be allowed to be in Division 1, under new proposals put forward this year at the AGM of the Football League. Hopefully the recent elections will mean that the new make-up of the planning committee will fulfil the wishes of the vast majority of the town and vote to allow the community to have a stadium to be proud of, paid for by £1m grant from the Football Trust, the remainder £700,000+ by the Football Club. Please council members allow Wycombe Wanderers continue to put High Wycombe on the map.

If you wish to support our planning application for 5,000 All Seater New South Stand, with 1,800 Family Stand Seats, 150 Disabled Places and modern facilities please sign the petition Adams Park on Saturday.

Or you can simply call in the Wanderers in Town or to Commercial Offices before Tuesday, August 29, as the district council's planning meeting is on Wednesday August 30 1995.

Thank you for your support

## Fans flock to prove they love the Blues

FANS are flocking to show their loyalty to the Blues as membership of the supporters club reaches nearly 500.

The first meeting of the Blues Supporters Club will be held on Thursday August 31 at 8pm.

It will be held in the Vere Suite at Adams Park.

By the Leyton Orient home match, 474 people had joined the Blues Supporters Club and the membership is still growing bigger.

Included in the figure are the Junior Blues

Supporters Club members.

They are eligible to vote at Blues Supporters Club Forum meetings.

The benefits of the club have already been extended.

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THE boss Alan Smith had the boys out for some extra training

IT IS now slightly easier to write in the Blues News as we have played two games and I am still confident you will see a steady improvement in the team over the next few weeks.

The team, myself and David Kemp and all the staff were disappointed with our performance against Crewe Alexandra on the first day of the season. I must say, however, that I do not think we should detract from Crewe Alexandra's passing game and it must be remembered that they finished 4th in the Division, going very close to gaining promotion to Division 1.

I genuinely believe that the players wanted to do well on their first performance for myself and David and especially you the supporters, but I think they were nervous on the day and that possibly all the information they had received over the last few weeks had not been taken in completely.

On the other side of the coin, Dario Gradi has now been manager at Crewe for 12 years, is the longest serving manager in the 4 Divisions and obviously has a fairly settled squad who know how their manager

FROM THE BENCH BY ALAN SMITH

# A little bit of extra effort

wants them to play.

Not as a punishment, I emphasise, we were back in for training on the Sunday to work at certain aspects of our game and the players were more than willing to put in the extra hours so that our performance against Leyton Orient was improved.

Although Miquel DeSouza scored two superb goals in the first half I was particularly pleased with our 2nd half performance where we created lots of space and movement and our passing was much more accurate, and in fact we were certainly unlucky not to win the game by a considerably higher

margin. We must remember, however, we still have the 2nd Leg which will not be easy and we must be mentally prepared for a very tough game at Brisbane Road.

David Jones continues to work hard with our injured players and for a club with a fairly small playing staff we cannot afford to have such players as Terry Evans, Simon Stapleton and Keith Ryan out for long. I regularly ask David when they will be fit, and am told this is still some weeks away.

I would also like to mention our Youth Team, who had a splendid away win against Brentford last

Saturday. This is a particularly hard place to pick up points and I can only say that the victory was well deserved with our youngsters playing some fine football.

I am sure there are 1 or 2 stars for the future within our Youth Team and I would like you to give them full support for their first home game on the 2nd September, against Luton Town, which will be played at Molins Ground in Sanderton, High Wycombe.

If you wish to put your name down for any of our Funweeks or wish our Community Officer to call on you, please contact the Football Club at any time.

Indeed, Caldwell's heroics only prevented what would otherwise have been a thrashing, with Steve McGavin's strong attacking and craftily off-the-ball running combining to lethal effect with Miquel DeSouza's astounding all-round ability.

His superb goals served to highlight a penetrative power in the Wycombe front line that has not been seen for a long time.

I'm well aware that Leyton are by no means Crewe, and that we damn well should have whooped them, but the impressive part is that the Wanderers bounced back so quickly. You almost felt sorry for the hapless visitors by the end, they can hardly have been expecting that.

Division Two will be very tough, with opposition of Crewe standard very much the norm. Most games will be tight, not all will be great, and the Blues will have to dig deep to win matches.

And where we come in is in our wholehearted support of the team through thick and thin, geering the players up during the rough patches, and urging them on.

Success this year will be a club effort - let's try and make the difference.

## Make a stand for your club

A NEW stand will not mean a sudden increase in traffic or noise.

The capacity of Adams Park will remain exactly the same - spectators will be sitting rather than standing - and let us not forget that League games are staged in Wycombe just once every 14 days on average.

On the positive side, the provision

by Alan Parry

of extra seats will enable us to accommodate more children and the physically disabled who can't see the game properly from the existing terraces. We could operate a bigger, better family stand where parents and children can sit together in comfort.

The new stand should be looked upon as a facility that the whole town can enjoy, just like the Swan Theatre, Handycross Sports Centre or anywhere else that whole families can get together and enjoy themselves in modern, safe surroundings.

If the council says "no" to the stand, Wycombe Wanderers will

face a serious problem. The glorious era of Martin O'Neill, magical nights and memorable trips to Wembley will become a distant memory. The exciting ambitions of Alan Smith will have to go on hold.

Please, please lobby your local councillors on the club's behalf. If you haven't already signed our petition, do so quickly. Send your letters to the local press. Make your voices heard.

One final thought. Earlier this year I contacted the 23 clubs who are Wycombe's neighbours in the Endleigh League Division Two. I asked them what kind of relationship they enjoyed with their own local authority. The results were revealing.

The vast majority of Wycombe's football rivals have an "excellent" relationship with their local council and describe them as "very co-operative" on matters of planning approval, parking problems etc. Many councils even provide financial help to their local clubs.

It would be wonderful if Wycombe District council used this opportunity to begin a new, positive approach to the Wanderers. The town can help the club - and the club can help the town. Together, working as a team, the future could be happier for everyone - Say "YES" to the stand.

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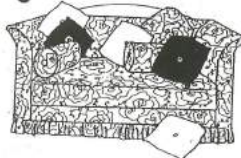
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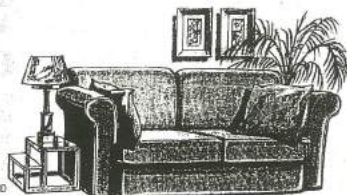
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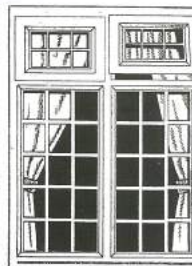
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# From the ridiculous to the sublime



by  
**Darren Bignell**

**I**T WAS like watching chalk and cheese, although slightly more interesting - yellow dairy products and calcareous writing implements are not known for their entertainment value.

If last Tuesdays display packed the punch of a gleaming red Ferrari, the previous Saturday's performance had all the style and class of a pale blue Ford Cortina.

It was, in short, like watching

two separate teams - and I much preferred the second one.

So what a difference three days make. Or rather, what a difference three days' a dose of humility and a polite invitation to a spot of Sunday morning training makes.

And hopefully the net result - Wycombe's systematic near-demolition of Leyton Orient - will be enough to stifle the moaners for a while, because they were

out in force during the Crewe match.

I am not for one moment trying to suggest that Saturday 12th's showing was anything other than a huge disappointment, and it could easily be argued that after all the hype and build-up, the critics were more than justified in berating the lacklustre reality.

But what was most disturbing was how quick the moaners were to complain, and the vicious glee with which they set about their task.

No-one was allowed even one error, each touch, pass and attack had to come off, or the player responsible for its breakdown was branded utterly useless and second only to Peter Sutcliffe in the villainy stakes.

Well, you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, roared one gentleman, looking rather pleased with this thoughtful and incisive summary. I find myself questioning the basic mentality of a man who feels compelled to use such a woeful phrase, and anyway, if that's the case, how do you explain Arsenal's continued involvement in the Premiership?

The thing is, even if some poor individual is playing like Trevor Aylott, there's absolutely nothing constructive about heaping scorn upon him. Would it not be far better to encourage the man - dare I say it, to support him - which might actually help the sit-

uation?

Jason Cousins is a prime example of this. Against Crewe, he had a torrid time and lost control, and there can be no excuses. But boots of derision can only have aggravated matters, just as a mere three days later, the praise spurred him on.

Once again, the Jekyll and Hyde of Adams Park saw fit to follow a real stinker with an exhibition of calm, considered defending, and thoughtful, effective support of Dave Carroll and Steve McGavin. All of which continually improved as the crowd voiced their approval.

But his was not the only transformation. The entire team had gone from the ridiculous to, at times, the sublime.

Matt Crossley was back to his reliable, assured self, and example which Paul Hardyman followed with a tidy performance, and even Mark Foran looked much more comfortable.

Steve Brown was nicely in control in the middle, and with Jason Solomon, initiated some flowing moves.

Mickey Bell and Dave Carroll frequently made their counterpart's lives a misery and had Orient keeper Peter Caldwell not pulled off a stunning save, the Blue Messiah's audacious flick in the second half would have been one of the finest goals ever.

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**BLUES power.** Steve McGavin in action against Crewe

## Supporters forum

WYCOMBE Wanderers Independent Supporters Club and The Blues Supporters Club Membership Scheme announce a joint Supporters Forum on Thursday 7th September 1995 in the Vere Suite, Adams Park beginning at 8.00pm, with special guest speaker Alan Smith. Members of both WWISC and the Blues Supporters Club Membership Scheme are entitled to free entry. A £1 fee is payable to non-members.

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# Raring to go Wanderers in Town

I FELT we were very disappointing at home to Crewe especially after having performed so well in pre-season friendlies, we must however not forget that they are a very good footballing side who clearly enjoyed the quality of our pitch keeping possession for long periods. Hopefully they will not have it all their own way once we are ankle deep in mud come January.

Jason Cousins has worked very hard during the summer and was extremely fired up for the game, his first booking seemed very harsh to me, I was hoping to get another look from the TV on Monday night but they chose not to show the incident. His second booking looked more justified as the Crewe player would have been through on goal but it did seem six of one and half a dozen of another as both were pulling at each other.

I was pleased to see Brownie lead the lads out and he proceeded to look our best player on the day, especially after the sending off when their extra player started to show. Hydey also made a good start to the season stopping a free kick in the first half which could so easily have had us going in at half time two down.

I would again like to thank those who have written to ask about my injury and those of the other side-lined players. I mainly train with Simon Stapleton and Keith Ryan, we generally start with some weights in the morning before a five-mile run along the river. As these are probably two of the



**CAPTAIN'S LOG**  
by Terry Evans

fittest lads at the club, it is hard work keeping up with their pace but I do manage to come into my own after lunch in the pool as swimming is one of my stronger exercises.

All three of us are progressing well, it is always difficult to accurately confirm when a player will again be fit as we are all different. There is nothing worse than returning too early and suffering a breakdown which could put full recovery back even further. It is frustrating but something we all just have to accept.

The training facilities at Bisham

Abbey are as you would expect excellent, if it's good enough for the national side then it goes without saying that it is sufficient for our needs. I understand that we have a one year contract so hopefully we will be able to fully utilise all they have on offer.

The boss has kept me fully involved with the preparations, warming the lads up before games then sitting on the bench to offer encouragement and support. As I am fully committed to the cause this is something which is very much appreciated, I suffer so badly watching from the stands and there can never be any substitute for actually playing in a game.

I was very pleased to see a cheque for £500 being presented to the club before the Crewe game from the Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club. WWISC had raised money from subscriptions of members, profit from coach travel and sales of their newsletter. They have requested that the contribution is used for our youth development which I feel is an excellent idea.

I am looking forward to a meeting with Bob Officer the Chairman of the WWISC in the first week of September. I was hoping to sit down with him in June but because of my operations and changes at the club this was not possible.

Finally I would like to congratulate Martin on his first win of the season away at Luton, I am sure he will be pleased to get this win under his belt and can now relax just a little.

## Community spirit is alive and well

DUE to the promotion of Jim Melvin to Youth Development Officer, Wycombe Wanderers have recently appointed Matthew Smith to take over his position as Football in the Community Officer.

Matt has previously worked for Crystal Palace and Millwall in their community schemes and is looking forward to working at Wycombe Wanderers.

Matt said "I thoroughly enjoyed working at Crystal Palace and Millwall, and I intend to make the scheme at Wycombe very successful. Jim Melvin has got the scheme up and running to a very high standard and now we are looking to broaden our horizons and really put Wycombe Wanderers on the map. I feel that there are many boys and girls in the Wycombe area who would like to get involved with our club and football in general but are not sure how to go about it. I want to ensure that there is no longer a problem and that the Wycombe community know about the football club".

"We are aiming to run more soccer camps from now on as well as visiting more schools in the county. The players are in full support of the scheme and they will also have an input into the running of the courses".

Since the arrival of the new Manager the whole youth policy at Wycombe has had a major re-shuffle in which the

Community Scheme has been involved. Boys who attend the soccer camps during the school holidays are now being closely watched by the coaches with the prospect of being signed up by the Wycombe School of Excellence.

"Due to this new set up, while I am in schools and on the soccer camps, I have the chance to assess the boys' footballing abilities and to recommend them to attend our School of Excellence and have the chance to become full-time pro-footballers".

If you would like to speak to Matt about any of the community Scheme work, please contact him in writing at the club or on 01494 472100.

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## Blues Travel Club

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- 1.30-2.00 Hounds of Morrigan — A local historical re-enactment group recreating life in the Dark Ages
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- 3.30-4.00 Hounds of Morrigan
- 4.00-4.30 The Kangaroo Kid
- 4.30-5.00 Eagle & Vulture Show
- 5.00-5.30 Graham Watkins Field Sports demonstration
- 5.30 Hot Air Balloons — Weather permitting, a number of hot air balloons will inflate and fly out of the Main Arena

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- 12.00-12.30 Hounds of Morrigan — see Saturday's programme
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- 1.30-2.00 Eagle & Vulture Show — see Saturday's programme
- 2.00-2.30 Caspian Ponies — see Saturday's programme
- 2.30-3.00 Gus Dermody sheepdog demonstration
- 3.00-3.30 Heavy Horses
- 3.00-4.00 Vintage Fire Engines/Cattle/Sheep
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## Market forces – a personal opinion

I WATCHED with great interest the programme Sport in Question shown by Carlton on Tuesday the 8th August where Brentford manager David Webb was a guest on the panel, writes **Steve Hayes**.

He made his strong negative feelings regarding the play offs very clear stating that when a team has played 46 games during the course of a season yet finished second they should deserve to be promoted instead of playing an end of season cup competition to earn the remaining promotion place.

What Webb however failed to mention was that he knew the rules before a ball was kicked and should therefore not whinge about the system when it does not suit his club.

In the 1991/92 season Brentford were managed by Phil Holder, and their final game was away to Peterborough where anything other than victory could result in just a play off place. The championship trophy had already made its way up north to be presented to Birmingham as they were in top spot and seemingly unlikely to lose their final away game at Stockport.

### Terry Evans

With 26 minutes of the first period gone, Brentford won a free kick on the half way line, the ball was driven into the box for our own Terry Evans to rise above two defenders to meet the ball with a powerful header which struck the bar, striker Gary Blisset followed up to smash the ball home to give them the lead. With no further score in the game that goal resulted in promotion for Brentford.

At the same time, news filtered through that Birmingham had lost, handing the championship the Brentford, yet both would be promoted as per the rules at the start of that particular season.

People can continue to argue as to who was the best team but the facts speak clearly for themselves, Brentford accumulated more points than anyone else and were therefore indeed the best side in the division.

Webb can complain as much as he likes about the system yet few people could honestly feel that there was a better side last season than Birmingham.

Had Brentford managed to finish above them then he would possibly not have made any comment.

But his most damning comments were about the scrapping of the play off system although stating that it would be better for clubs in mid-table who do not have a realistic chance of making a promotion place to experiment with youngsters, reserve team players and trialists for the following season.

A statement that may be great for him and those players involved but what consideration does he give to the paying public? In my opinion, none whatsoever.

### Youth team

Neil Smillie our new Youth Team Manager (who incidentally also played in nearly every game of Brentford's championship season) will certainly be working very hard to bring young players through the ranks until they are capable of playing first team football. But would he want Wycombe to have a mid-table season so that he can help introduce new players towards the end. I very much doubt it. I feel confident that any player that he has developed to the standard required will get a chance and be selected on merit, be it on the first day of the new season or indeed the last.

Wycombe were challenging for the top spot until very late in the season, the thought of another play-off place was a fantastic incentive for the final games. Many supporters would still have travelled to places like Bournemouth and Brighton had there been nothing at stake, yet the excitement of the final run-in really kept us all on the edge of our seats and surely this is what following a team is all about, not watching matches that have little or no significance.

The Wycombe faithful were of course disappointed that promotion was not gained, but there was still an abundance of enjoyment during the season right up until the final home game, so why should supporters be denied this in the future.

The final away game of the campaign at Brisbane Road was a fun day out for the Wanderers supporters with nothing at stake other than pride, as Orient had already been relegated and we could no longer reach a play-off place. We clear-

ly out-supported the home side to witness Cyrille's final appearance in a Wycombe shirt which we capped with an excellent winning goal.

Endsleigh League teams are forever competing for supporters against the big names of the Premiership. The interest and excitement the play-offs have so clearly provided help smaller clubs boost their attendances towards the end of a season, together with the possibility of further revenue if they manage to make it to Wembley. But it also helps to bring those supporters back for the beginning of the next campaign.

Webb perpetually used the phrase "we are driven by market forces" to answer questions from the audience, mainly when referring to the high prices of Premiership players, but also when he did not have a clue what else to say. Yet if the majority of the paying public are in favour of the present play-off system surely that in itself is "market forces" in action.

There are always going to be losers every season however, each manager knows that if he can produce consistent performances, carve out results when a defeat looks likely and finish on top of the pile, his team will be promoted and therefore need not enter the play-off games.

### Alan Smith

I do not know Alan Smith personally but from the articles he has written it is clear that one of his objectives is to try to win the league as it should be for any ambitious manager. If though, through all his efforts and those of his team, Wycombe cannot make an automatic promotion place, at least there is still plenty to play for.

Should Wanderers not even make the play-offs come next May, then the team do not deserve to be promoted and this will again be disappointing, but an unfortunate reality.

Webb showed last season that Brentford were one of the better sides in the division, he has another 46 chances to prove this season that they are actually the best. If he fails to do so, I would like to remind him it is nothing to do with the system or even market forces, his side would have just not been good enough.



Ivor Beeks hands over the Valley Terrace to Bruce James of AXA Equity & Law. The AXA Equity & Law stand is a three year contract with the Club, who have also negotiated a 3 year lead generation agreement with AXA Equity & Law.

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A VERY big thank you for all your hard work in arranging the very successful appearance of Keith Ryan and Dave Carroll at our Summer carnival.

Despite the weather and another 'attraction' in the village on the same day, our takings were very much up on last year. Whilst we cannot prove that having Keith and Dave at the Carnival increased our takings I am certain that it had a lot to do with it. One story for example: a man leaving with his grandson at the end of the afternoon, put extra money in the entrance bucket as he was so thrilled that his grandson (an avid Wycombe Wanderers supporter) had the chance to meet two of his heroes.

Both Keith and Dave were very generous with the children and I am sure both went home with writers cramp after the event. The added bonus of the Wycombe Wanderers merchandise really did make dreams come true for a lot of supporters.

T M Oakman  
Salut Andrews School Association

Dear Keith and Dave

Thank you for coming to St Andrews School carnival and signing autographs. We were pleased with the football gifts you gave out. Everyone had a good time with you too.

Christopher Octman and Class D

Dear Keith and Dave

Thank you for coming to St Andrews School carnival. Every one enjoyed your company. Thank you for giving the football gifts out to the children. From all at St Andrews a BIG thank you.

Danny and Class D (age 9)

Dear Steve

I am writing to thank you and Terry Evans for taking the time to appear at our fun on Saturday, and we hope that you enjoyed yourselves.

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